

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-7, 11, 12 and 15-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 3-7, 11-15, 17-21, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 29-33 were rejected.

**Judiciary Created Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 3-7, 11-15, 17-21, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 29-33 were rejected under the doctrine of judiciary created double patenting.

Applicant hereby submits a "Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent." Thus, the rejection has been overcome.

In view of the remarks, Applicant submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant requests such action at an early date.

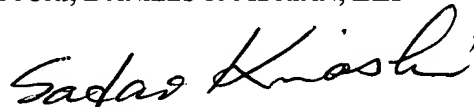
If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111  
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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